

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated March 24, 2006, the following species:

a mixed metal compound containing Fe (III) and Mg in a Mg:Fe ratio of 1.8-2.4:1, hydroxyl ions, and carbonate ions, and having a hydrotalcite structure.

Claims 15-21, 23-24, 26-41 and 43-56 read on the elected species.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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